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FOR DR. A.S. FRIEDMAN, ERDA PASS TO NRC

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SUBJECT: JAIF EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY. EIGHTH JAIF CONFERENCE OPENED TO CAPACITY CROWD AT IINO HALL IN TOKYO, MAR 11. OVERWHELMING CONCERN OF FIRST-DAY SPEAKERS WAS CONTINUING ENERGY CRISIS AND HOW TO DEAL WITH IT. SPEAKERS INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM JAPAN, EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, US AND THE IAEA.

2. HIROMI ARISAWA, CHAIRMAN JAIF GAVE A SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS OF NUCLEAR POWER IN JAPAN, THEN LAMENTED EFFECT THAT THE MUTSU DEBACLE HAD ON PUBLIC OPINION OF NUCLEAR POWER AND HENCE NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM. ARISAWA POINTED OUT THAT TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION JAPAN HAS SET UP AN ATOMIC ENERGY ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL AS ADVISORY BOARD TO THE PRIME MINISTER. THE BOARD WOULD CORRECT ADMINISTRATIVE DEFICIENCIES THAT ALLOWED THE MUTSU INCIDENT TO DEVELOP AS IT DID. FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IS TO BE NEXT WEEK. ARISAWA NOTED SIGNING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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IAEA-JAPAN NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AND STRESSED SIGNIFICANCE

OF RATIFICATION AND JAIF RESOLUTION FOR EARLY RATIFICATION. ON REACTOR SAFETY HE SAID THAT SHUTDOWNS FROM MINOR ACCIDENTS (INCIDENTS) CANNOT BE IGNORED BUT MUST BE DECISIVELY ACTED UPON AND NOTED THAT HE WAS HAPPY THAT THE IAEA HAD ESTABLISHED NUCLEAR SAFETY CRITERIA. HE CLOSED BY NOTHING THAT THE GOAL OF 60,000 MWE NUCLEAR BY 1985 IS NOT REASONABLE BECAUSE OF SITING, SAFETY, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND OTHER PROBLEMS.

3. JAEC ACTING CHAIRMAN GORO INOUE STOOD IN FOR JAEC CHAIRMAN AND STA DIRGEN YOSHITAKE SASAKI WITH AN IMPROMPTU SPEECH IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR A NATIONAL CONSENSUS FOR THE PROMOTION OF NUCLEAR POWER. ON CONSERVATION INOUE SAID THAT PETROLEUM SHOULD BE USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN FUEL. ON JAPAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM HE RESTATED ARISAWA'S EARLIER STATEMENT THAT THE 60,000 MW BY 1985 TARGET SHOULD BE REEVALUATED.

4. F. SPAAK, DIRGEN, EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, NOTING THAT THE ENERGY PROBLEM IS SERIOUS, SAID THAT EC MUST ADOPT AN ENERGY POLICY BASED ON THE TREATY OF ROME WHICH PROVIDES FREE ACCESS AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. SPAAK WOULD LIKE TO SEE EC REDUCE THE PRESENT 60 PERCENT DEPENDENCE ON ENERGY SUPPLIED TO THE EC FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES TO 40-50 PERCENT BY 1985. HE ANTICIPATES IT WILL TAKE AROUND 20 YEARS FOR NEW SOURCES, SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL, WIND, ETC., TO BE DEVELOPED TO THE POINT WHERE THEY MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE EC ENERGY SUPPLY. IN TALKING ABOUT RELTINS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES HE NOTED EIGHT OF NINE EC MEMBERS, GRANCE EXCLUDED, ARE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA) AND THAT ANY MEANINGFUL ENERGY POLICY WILL INCLUDE THE US.

5. NRC COMMISSIONER MARCUS ROWDEN SPOKE ON REORGANIZATION OF US-AEC INTO THE NRC AND ERDA AND THEN OUTLINED RECENT REGULAR-TORY ACTIONS AND BACKGROUND ON AEC/NRC APPROACH IN DEALING WITH BWR BY-PASS LINE AND CORE SPRAY NOZZLE CRACKS. NOTING ISSUES BEFORE THE NRC, ROWDEN COVERED SAFEGUARDS, PU RECYCLE, PRICE-ANDERSON ACT, STANDARDIZATION AND PRE-DESIGNATED NUCLEAR POWER SITES AND DISCUSSED NEW REGULATORY RESEARCH PROGRAM. ON INTER-NATIONAL COOPERATION ROWDEN EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN THE AREAS OF SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS AND NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PROMPT RECIPROCAL NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT NUCLEAR REGULATORY ACTIONS.

6. JOHN SIMPSON, PRESIDENT OF AIF, GAVE A TALK ENTITLED CURRENT STATUS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN THE UNITED STATES. OVERALL HIS TALK WAS A COMPELLING ARGUMENT FOR THE ADOPTION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AS PARTIAL ANSWER TO THE WORLD'S ENERGY NEEDS. SIMPSON DELINEATED HIS VIEWS ON THE VARIOUS ADVANTAGES OF NUCLEAR POWER

AND THE USE OF URANIUM AS A FUEL. HE ALSO CALLED FOR AN URGENT
DECISION ON THE NEXT URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT AND REVIEWED
THE REPROCESSING PLANT SITUATION IN THE US. ON FUEL FABRICA-
TION SIMPSON BELIEVES THAT THE CURRENT CAPACITY IS ADEQUATE
FOR NEAR-TERM NEEDS. SIMPSON WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE US INCREASE
ITS GOALS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER.
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